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VVV, VICTORY—!!
WELCOME TO THE SEASON OF HELL
—THE SURFACE WORLD'S
MOST MANIACAL BRIDE—

[IMMORTALITY.]
[FOUND IT.]
[FOUND WHAT?]

BRIDE.
...WHA-
-HA?
Ahoy
IS THAT... DUMB, VIRGIN, SECOND YEAR IN MIDDLE SCHOOL-ER'S...
SHIMA'S FIANCÉ!!?
BEAUTY WITH GREAT LEGS...
THIS FAIR-HAIRED G-CUP
HOTARU
SENRYOU
REIJI
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, HERR BYAKKO
YES
ADMITTEDLY, I WAS SELECTED BY THE FAMILY
AN AC-QUAINTANCE OF YOURS? KON?
"IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME." SHE SAYS...
.....

ASUKA COMICS DX

KIRARA VICTORIA VON FRANKEN-STEIN,
NAMAKURA'S AND THE KILLING DOLLS' TECHNICIAN
— YES.
WE MET ONCE,
WHEN THE LADY WAS STILL SMALL
I WAS STILL ELEVEN THEN
DEMONS REALLY DON'T AGE, DO THEY?
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL SINCE THEN.
...FOR A MO-MENT,
IT WAS AS IF THAT WOMAN WAS RE-VIVED.
I JUST GOT GOOSE-BUMPS.
TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE,
SHE SAID THAT SHE WAS SHIMA'S FIANCÉ?
YUME

SHIMA'S FIANCÉ,
KON-NOSUKE,
AND, ALSO, THE OGRE.
THIS FEELS LIKE A PREMONI-TION,
AS IF ALL THE ACTORS
HAVE BEEN GATH-ERED!
!
KIYOAMI

..NAMA-KURA?

WHAT THE HELL! WHAT'S UP WITH THESE DEVELOPMENTS? ALL OF THIS BUSINESS ABOUT BEING THE FIANCÉ - IT'S LIKE AN INTRODUC-TION TO THE HEROINE OF AN OLD TALE! DOESN'T IT SEEM LIKE THIS IS A ROMCOM OR AN EROTIC COMEDY? IT'S FINE IF IT'S THE FORMER, YEAH, THIS IS JUST LIKE THE STORY DEVELOPMENT IN A MANGA. THAT IS TO SAY, IT FITS THE PROFILE OF AN AUTHOR WHO COULDN'T READ THE MOOD AND MADE A SNAP DECISION. ANYWAY, IT'S LIKE HE DOESN'T KNOW THE BASICS OF MANGA. THERE ARE ALREADY FEMALES SUITED FOR THE HEROINE ROLE!
IT'S A BIT SURPRIS-ING
THAT KIRARA WOULD COME HERE HERSELF INSTEAD OF A PROXY
PIPE DOWN, YOU LOT!
HAVE YOU COME TO SEE HOW MUCH THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE HAS GROWN?

HOW RUDE!
WHO DO YOU THINK I AM?
I JUST WANTED TO MEET
MY CUTE SHANAOU.
BIKU
IT LOOKS LIKE A WAR HAS BROKEN OUT IN TOKYO.
THE OGRE HAS RETURNED FROM HELL
I'VE HEARD THAT MONSTERS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD ARE GATHERING IN JAPAN
AND IT SEEMS LIKE THE SHIMA CLAN WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THIS WAR AS WELL.
TOGETHER WITH THE FRANKEN-STEIN HOUSEHOLD

FROM THE BEGINNING,
THIS MECHANICAL BODY WAS CREATED BY ME TO ASSIST THE SHIMA HOUSE WITH MONITORING DEMON ACTIVITY
IT IS NOW TOO LOW-SPEC TO FIGHT IN THIS WAR.
*KILLING ROLLS
IT IS UNACCEPTABLE FOR "FRANKENSTEIN'S MONSTERS" TO BE ANY LESS POWERFUL
THERE-FORE,
YOU WILL BE WITHDRAWN.
No
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HANA-BUSA DONO.
THE YOUNG MASTER IS-
HE IS STUDYING IN HIS ROOM.
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SHARAKU-SAN
BOCHAMA IS STILL RESTING FROM THE FIGHT AT CHICHIBU LAST WEEK.
URGING HIM TO ATTEND SCHOOL SO SOON WOULD BE FUTILE.
... NOT TO MENTION THAT HIS PHYSICAL WOUNDS ARE STILL HEALING
BE-SIDES,
HE'S A MAN, HOLING HIMSELF UP IN HIS ROOM WILL ONLY WORSEN HIS CONDITION.
HOWEVER, IT IS TRUE THAT THE YOUNG MASTER HAS ALREADY SURPASSED HIS SCHOOL'S CURRICULUM
BUT IN THAT CASE...

AFTER HE SLAUGHTERED
SEVERAL DOZEN TENGU USING KIYOHIME.
HANABUSA-DONO WOULD DO WELL TO KEEP IN MIND
THE WORDS THE YOUNG MASTER SAID AT CHICHIBU
WIPE!
THE YOUNG MASTER IS
ADVANCING...
NO LONGER... HUMAN.
IT'S USELESS...
I AM
HE WILL TRULY BECOME AN OGRE.
AND STAY AWARE OF THE PERSON HE IS, THEN,
THE YOUNG MASTER IS ONLY 14.
IF HE DOES NOT KEEP CONTACT WITH "PEOPLE LIKE HIMSELF"

TO HUMANS, BOCHAMA IS MERELY THE CURRENT HEAD OF THE SHIMA HOUSEHOLD.
BORN TO THE SHIMA FAMILY AND CARRYING KIYOHIME,
THAT IS ALSO SOME-THING
HE HAS TAKEN IT UPON HIMSELF TO LIVE UP TO EXPECTATIONS THAT OTHERS CLAIM TO BE "THE DUTIES OF THE SHIMA HOUSE."
YOU SHOULD KEEP IN MIND.
HOW-EVER, THAT'S NOT REALLY...
IN...
IN THE PAST,
I HAVE WONDERED WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE IF ANGO-SAMA TRIED TO LIVE AS A HUMAN.
HOW DID IT COME TO THIS?
I KEEP THINKING ABOUT IT.

HANA-
BUSA,
THIS IS--
A
MIASMA
BURST.
KER
CHAK
!!

THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT NOW
BY MY FATHER HUH
SO THEY KNEW I WAS TOLD TO LEAVE
SHARAKU AND HANA-BUSA
THIS IS...
...RIDICU-LOUS.
I'M JUST RUNNING AWAY.

WOOSH!!
BOOM
CACHA
AN ENEMY ATTACK!?
-NO.
I'M SHIMA ANGO.

I DON'T HIDE
OR RUN AWAY.
I AM THE OGRE'S-
YOUNG MASTER.
MOU
YOUR FRIEND HAS ARRIVED.

'sup
OSU!
YOU'RE LOOKING GOOD, SHIMA!!
THUMP
GRK!
THUMP
OH
THIS IS THE 34TH TIME.
34TH TIME FALLING OUT OF HIS CHAIR.
CLICK
ARE YOU FORGETTING, SHARAKU-SAN?
IF KUJOU SABUROU IS A DANGEROUS INDIVIDUAL,
WHY DID YOU LET HIM PASS?

AREN'T YOU FORGET-TING SOME-THING, HANABUSA-DONO?
IF KUJOU WERE TO DIE, WE WOULD BE MET BY...
BE THAT AS IT MAY..
EVEN THOUGH HE CARRIES THE OGRE WITHIN HIS OWN BODY, KUJOU SABUROU IS A HUMAN RIGHT NOW. US KILLING HIM WOULD BE QUITE A TRIVIAL MATTER.
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THERE WOULD BE NO POSSIBILITY OF US BEING ABLE TO PROTECT THE YOUNG MASTER.
TO HIM, AFTER ALL, WE'RE NOTH-ING BUT DOLLS MADE BY HUMAN HANDS.
THE DEMON KIYOAMI, THE GREAT HERO OF THE DEMON WORLD, ECLIPSING EVEN THE FOUR GENERALS AND THE DEMON KING.

OFFICE! LADY! LOVES! OFFICE LADY!
HERE!
THESE ARE FROM THE GIRLS, THE GET-WELL PRESENTS AND NOTES AND LOVE LETTERS.
MMM !?
KUJOU
AND-
A GIFT FROM SENSEI.
THIS IS FROM THE BOYS!!
HIDE THEM UNDER THE BED!
GEKIDAN AMATSUKA
ECCO

WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS,
HAVING ANYTHING TO DO WITH ME?
WHAT THE HELL, MAN?
YOU MUST HAVE HEARD ABOUT
HOW MANY TENGU I SLAUGHTERED IN CHICHIBU FROM BYAKKO
AND BEFORE THAT, EVEN HUMANS.
HUMANS TURNED INTO MONSTERS BY ZONE-00.
I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE I'VE KILLED
BY THE PUBLIC, THOSE PEOPLE
ARE TREATED AS "MISSING PERSONS" CASES

OF COURSE, BYAKKO AND THE OTHERS TOO
WHEN IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE CARE OF STRANGE DEVELOPMENTS, I REMOVE THEM.
I'M THE REIGNING HEAD OF THE SHIMA EXORCIST FAMILY
AND
YOU'RE THE OGRE, KUJOU.
THE OGRE
YOU'RE THE REASON THAT THEY'RE HERE.
WHO THEN RAN AMOK IN THE HEART OF TOKYO.
THE OGRE CALLS EVILDOERS TO HIM
KILL THE OGRE.
THAT'S WHY THE SHIMA HOUSE WILL
I'LL KILL YOU.
I WILL

LISTEN TO ME!!
CRACK!!
YEAH, IT'S BAD, HUH
I JUST REALIZED TODAY THAT
I DON'T KNOW YOUR NUMBER
ONCE I'VE ENTERED MINE IN YOURS
PLEASE LOOK AFTER IT
I'M GONNA GO AHEAD AND SAVE YOURS
NGHH
THERE, NOW WE'LL ALWAYS BE ABLE TO GET IN TOUCH
RIGHT?
...HEY-...
YOU'RE NOT LISTENING TO WHAT I'M TELLING YOU!
IT'S YOU! I'LL KILL Y-
IT'S BECAUSE I'M ALL ALONE
*better fortune

I KNOW NORMAL, EVERYDAY KINDS OF GUYS,
BUT HUMANS WHO KNOW ABOUT THE OGRE SITUATION...
THERE'S ONLY YOU, SHIMA.
WHEN YOU WENT TO CHICHIBU, I DIED AGAIN
MY HEAD GOT CUT OFF
AND I TURNED INTO THE OGRE
THAT MAKES IT THREE TIMES
BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING
SO IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN GO TO THE SCHOOL OR TELL MY PARENTS
IN ALL HONESTY, IT MAKES ME SICK
COMING BACK TO LIFE IN THIS WAY...

I HATE DYING.
YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON I CAN TALK ABOUT THESE THINGS WITH.
...AND IF YOU WERE THINKING OF MANAGER AND THE OTHERS, I CAN'T TALK TO THEM.
THIS GUY
.....
-KUJOU, I...
KU-JOU...
I AM...

I...
WE'RE HUMAN!
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YES, THIS IS KUJOU.
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OHHHH- MANAGER!
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE "THE CHANGE"
YEAH?
YEAH?
YEAH? SHIMA?
pi
SO
WHAT ?
WELL, THAT WAS BYAKKO
YEAH, YEAH, I'LL GO, I'LL GO!
YEAH? YEAH
RIGHT, SEE YOU LATER!
YEAH, I'M WITH HIM NOW..
YEAH!! THIS PLACE IS REALLY MASSIVE,
IT'S MEGA-HUGE!
HE ASKED US TO HEAD ON OVER TO GOBI
HUH?
SOME NEAT STUFF HAS COME UP, APPARENTLY!
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT..
?
NEAT?

LET'S GOOOO—
SHIMA!!
JUST WHAT YOU'D EXPECT FROM A RELATIVE OF THE SHIMA HOUSEHOLD.
YOU INGRATES
AS SOON AS THEY'RE OF NO USE TO YOU,
YOU THROW THEM ON THE SCRAP HEAP?
I'M AFRAID YOU'VE MISUNDER-STOOD
THIS IS THE WILL OF THE FRANKENSTEIN HOUSE, NOT THE SHIMA'S

"FRANKEN-STEIN'S MONSTERS"
AND THEN THE HUMANS USE THOSE MONSTERS.
—LITTLE LADY.
TAP
THE FRANKENSTEINS —WITH THE SHIMA'S MONEY
THE CRAZY FAMILY CREATES THE KILLING DOLLS
ISN'T IT JUST LIKE HUMANS
TO STICK THEIR NOSES INTO A FIGHT BETWEEN FELLOW MONSTERS
NAMAKURA WON'T BE ACCOMPANYING YOU INTO THIS WAR BY HIMSELF.
GRAB!
G..
GULP..
BLOND VS BLONDE...
ITS BEAUTIFUL!
GREAT LEGS XD!
SCARY ...

MREE...
MY LADY?
ARE YOU UN-HARMED?
PAH
STOP
SHINO-MARU.
HNN...

YOU TALK LIKE WAR IS SOME WONDERFULLY NOBLE THING
IF IT WERE JUST FELLOW DEMONS KILLING EACH OTHER, THEY COULD DO WHATEVER THEY WANT, BUT
DON'T ALL THE HUMAN VICTIMS MAKE IT OUR MATTER TOO?
THAT'S TRUE
THEY'RE VICTIMS OF ZONE-00
JUST WHAT YOU'D EXPECT FROM A BRIDE OF THE SHIMA HOUSEHOLD
BUT UNDER-NEATH THAT RIGHTEOUS MANNER OF YOURS,
THE REAL YOU LIKES THE BATTLE, THE BLOOD, AND THE POWER
...OH MY.
YOU'VE FIGURED IT OUT.
WELL,
I KNEW IT FROM THE MOMENT WE MET.

A BAD APPLE, LIKE YOU.
EVERY SO OFTEN, A SHIMA CLAN BRIDE TURNS OUT TO BE
I HEARD THAT MANY PEOPLE DIED
DURING THEIR EXPERIMENTS ON THE HUMAN BODY.
MY ANCESTORS WENT THROUGH STRUGGLE AFTER STRUGGLE, EVEN SPILLING BLOOD.
IN ORDER TO CREATE THE FORM OF THE MODERN KILLING DOLLS,
SO,
INTELLIGENT, BEAUTIFUL,
IMMORTAL, YOUNG BODIES,
AND STRONG.
WHY GO THAT FAR?
WHAT IF WE CREATED IT?
THAT TO WHICH WE ASPIRE IS AN UNATTAINABLE STATE
BECAUSE TO US, HUMANS, GODS AND DEMONS ARE THE SAME

I WANT TO DO IT!
MAKE IT STRONGER, LIKE THE OGRE.
I WANT TO HAVE IT FIGHT AND WIN!!
BUT MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE,
HEH...
KUROBARA CLAN'S ALCHEMISTS THOUGHT THE SAME THING
WHEN THEY CREATED THE KAZE FAMILY
SO IT'S COME TO THIS.
SINCE WEAPONS SLAUGHTER LIVING THINGS,
THIS WAR IS EXACTLY WHAT YOU'VE BEEN WISHING FOR, ISN'T IT?
RIGHT, FRÄULEIN?
MMM-HMM
SO IT IS.

YOU KNOW THEY'RE HUMANS, EVEN THOUGH THEY LOOK LIKE DEMONS
YOU'RE HAPPY ABOUT THIS, AREN'T YOU?
YOU PEOPLE USED THEM
EVEN THOUGH HUMANS ARE STUCK IN THIS SITUATION
YOU REALLY SEEM TO LIKE
THAT SCUMMY DRUG.
ZONE-00
WOOSH!

!
A MIASMA BURST!
BOOM!
...WHAT THE-!?
ANOTHER FLASHY...

JEEZ
EVEN THOUGH I PUT UP THAT BIRD REPELLANT BALLOON DURING REMODELING
※ THAT
I SHOULD STRENGTHEN THE BOUNDARY WARDS
BISHA-MON'S GUYS...!!
THEY DON'T GIVE UP!
THOSE GRAY-WINGED TENGU ARE JUNKIES.

PERFECT TIMING . ♡
SHINO-MARU.
Ja
fähr!!

!!
A HUMAN —NO,
A DOLL?!

DAMN DOLL!

SO FAST...
AS FAST AS BENTEN-SENPAI!
AND BOMBS MEANT FOR TANKS
BLADES AND GUNS,
SO WE MAKE WEAPONS,
HUMANS CAN'T USE MAGIC
THEY CAN'T FIGHT WITH THE NATURAL POWER OF PRITHVI, VARUNA, AGNI, AND VAYU LIKE DEMONS
AND CONTINUE TO GROW, EVEN NOW
EVEN IF OUR BODIES INSTINCTIVELY TREMBLE IN THE FACE OF SLAUGHTER, WE WAIT FOR A CHANCE TO FIGHT

THEY AREN'T SO MUCH AS "OBJECTS" USED BY HUMANS.
JUST LIKE LIVING THINGS.
Cle NCh
THEY'RE CLOSER TO DEMONS.
THAT'S WHY OUR FAMILY CALLS THE KILLING DOLLS "FRANKENSTEIN'S MONSTERS"

MON-
STERS...
THAT'S
RIGHT,
SHANAOU
I WAS
ONLY ELEVEN
WHEN I FIRST
BUILT YOU,
MY CUTE
PROTOTYPE
DOLL
KA-CHACK

I CALL THAT A MONSTER.
THERE'S NO USE FOR CUTE DOLLS IN A WAR.
SHA-NAOU,
YOU'RE A SAMURAI, SO YOU UNDER-STAND, RIGHT?
AGREED.
DOC-TOR.

RATHER THAN TIMIDLY LIVE A LIFE OF DISHONOR IN THIS WEAK BODY,
IT WOULD BE MY PLEASURE
TO SUBMIT THIS "SHANAOU" BODY TO YOU.
AH!
SHIMA!
A MAID, IT'S A MAID!!
MY-STERI-OUS.
NO! YOU'RE FOCUSING ON THE WRONG THING!
WHAT'S WITH THIS COMMO-TION?

?
...YOU'RE
FRANKEN-STEIN'S...
.....
ARE YOU SHIMA ANGO?
COME.
MY LADY IS WAITING.

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